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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GY, US

SUBJECT: CUBANA CRASH: PROTEST OF BURNHAM SPEECH

REF: GEORGETOWN 2073

1. CONFIRMING HEAVNER/BLACKEN TELCON YOU SHOULD PLAN TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS ASAP.

2. YOU SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH WILLS PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE TO DELIVER ORAL PROTEST OF BURNHAM SPEECH (REFTEL). YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. OUR OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM IN ALL FORMS IS WELL

KNOWN, AND WE ARE IN NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT GOG LEADERS ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE LEADING ROLE WE HAVE TAKEN IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THIS SCOURGE.

B. IN THE CASE OF THE INCIDENTS TO WHICH BURNHAM REFERRED IN HIS OCTOBER 17 SPEECH, WE HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT THE USG WAS NOT IN ANY WAY INVOLVED. FURTHERMORE IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT WE ARE COOPERATING IN THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THESE INCIDENTS.

C. OUR POSITION WAS MADE QUITE CLEAR TO YOU (WILLS) IN THE SECRETARY'S RECENT LETTER TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT.

D. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS WE FIND IT INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM IN HIS OCTOBER 17 SPEECH-- AND YOU IN YOUR OCTOBER 11 SPEECH--SHOULD ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE USG RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACTS.

E. WE WISH TO PROTEST THESE PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS.

F. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF AMERICANS WORKING AND RESIDING IN GUYANA. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IN THE WAKE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS THAT WE HAVE IN EFFECT DECLARED WAR ON GUYANA. WE TRUST THAT THE GOG WILL BE MINDFUL OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD.

G. THE DEPARTMENT HAS CALLED ME HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THESE SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR RELATIONS. ROBINSON

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